

## WORK OF THE LEGISLATURE

Some of the Important Bills Which Have Been Passed During the Session.

### SOME BIG APPROPRIATIONS

More Than Half a Million Dollars in Extra Bills—Some Bills That Died.

The General Assembly of 1933-34, which will to-day adjourn sine die, and has practically done so already, has been a steady, hard-working and intelligent body, and has accomplished no little work during the sixty days it has been sitting. The Legislature is always subjected to more or less criticism, whether it be good, bad or indifferent, and this one has been no exception in this respect.

Perhaps the most generally repeated comment on the work of the body has been that it has been lavish, not to say extravagant, in appropriations, but even this is hardly just. The most important appropriations have been those for the Capitol, for the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and for the Farmville Normal School, yet these are all badly needed and could hardly be characterized as wasteful or excessive.

The appropriation for the enlargement and restoration of the State Capitol amounts to \$250,000, and in addition to this there was an appropriation of \$25,000 for the provision of a plant for heating and lighting and furnishing power to the State buildings in the Capitol Square. All these are bills offered by Colonel George Wayne Anderson, the senior senator from Richmond city.

#### FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

Senator Phlegar and Delegate Heermans, of Montgomery, made the fight for the appropriation of \$65,000 for the enlargement and improvement of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, one of the finest schools in the South and one doing a splendid work along practical educational lines. Then Senator Mann and Delegate J. J. Owen championed the cause of the State Female Normal School at Farmville, and succeeded in getting an appropriation of \$55,000 and a slight increase in annuity for that excellent institution, the only one the State provides for the education of her women, and especially for teachers.

Besides this the only measure carrying an appropriation of any importance was that giving \$10,000 for a Virginia building at St. Louis.

Aside from these appropriations, only the usual ones to the eleemosynary institutions, public schools, penitentiaries and to the expenses of the various departments of the State government were made. Certainly no others are worthy of mention. With this record of expenditures the General Assembly can hardly be accused of extravagance.

#### THE VOLUME OF BILLS.

A large number of bills were introduced in the two houses, the aggregate slightly exceeding five hundred. Some of these are formidable measures in their length and bulk and the infinite details of preparation and perfection. Every one of these had to be offered, printed, referred

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Blackberry or Catawba Wine, quart, 12c  
Ginger Snaps or Soda Crackers, lb., 7c  
Salt Pork, per pound, 15c  
Swiss Marmalade, pound, 15c  
Blackening and Scrub Brushes, 5c  
8 bars Octagon Shaped Soap for, 25c  
Good Green or Mixed Tea, pound, 25c  
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to committees, acted on by them, reported, read three times and then passed, if they had managed to reach that stage. Each reading had to be on a separate day, and the bill had to be called many times. On some of these bills prolonged hearings were had before committees, at which the advocates and opponents of the measures appeared. All of this work consumed time, and gave the members plenty of work in the sixty days they were sitting.

#### SOME IMPORTANT NEW LAWS.

Among the important measures passed by the General Assembly are the following, which are recalled, without making a systematic review of the session's work:

The general road law, of which Mr. Edmondson is the patron, a measure which failed in the last moments of the recent Assembly.

The bill for the extension of the corporate limits of cities and towns, a general law on the subject, drawn by Senator George Wayne Anderson, was passed at this session. It had been brought for months in the last General Assembly, but the two houses were at loggerheads, each having a bill, and no agreement could be reached. This year Senator Anderson, with that persistence which characterizes him, has succeeded in pushing his bill to passage and providing a much needed general law.

#### A DEATHBLOW TO FAKE CLUBS.

An important bill passed in the last week of the Assembly was that offered jointly by Senators Mann and Holt, the purpose of which is to terminate the fake social clubs of the State. This law requires all clubs heretofore chartered to procure license to dispense liquors, just as other houses or persons acquire it. A bill which somewhat offset this was that which relieves the violator of the law against Sunday selling from the jail penalty imposed by the statute it amends. The law leaves the penalty at a heavy fine and forfeiture of license.

#### OF INTEREST TO LAWYERS.

A large number of bills affecting the courts of the State and the procedure therein, have been passed, many being

necessitated by the changed system of courts. The terms of the various courts have been arranged and certain changes made in them during the session. An important law, relating to the criminal law, was passed, providing for the appointment of a public defender in cases of great public importance, and interest.

The dispensary system of selling liquor has been considerably extended, but only in localities. Half a dozen or more additional dispensary bills have been passed, and in almost every case, where the system has been tried, it has been retained.

The General Assembly increased the appropriation for the care of graves of Confederate dead in the cemeteries of the State, despite a protest by some members and the fact that the total appropriation is growing steadily.

While a number of bills, relating to elections have been passed, few in any way affecting the subject have been passed. The Alchen primary bill failed in the last day of the session on the question of concurrence in the amendments. Senator Patterson's bill for electing senators by popular vote, failed to be reported. Several bills offered by public members failed of passage. Bills in relation to evidence of prepayment of poll tax have been passed.

In addition to these a large number of local bills of more or less interest have been passed.

Among the noteworthy measures that have failed of passage are the following:

THESE FAILED TO PASS.

Bill for the treatment of indigent sick at hospitals, two measures, one special and the other general.

Bill providing a legalized general primary system for the State.

Bill to define the natural oyster rocks, beds and shoals and to lease barren and depleted area within the present Baylor survey, popularly known as the oyster bill.

Bill providing for redistricting the State for representatives in Congress.

Bill to require telephone lines to connect and transmit messages from other lines.

Bill to regulate the standard of petroleum kerosene oil sold in this State.

Bill to establish a system of county and district high schools in the State.

Bill providing for the appointment by the courts of commissioners of the revenue who are now ineligible to succeed themselves.

Bill proposing to reduce the rate of taxation on real and personal property five cents on the \$100 of valuation.

Bill making addition to liquor and drugs cause for absolute divorce.

Bill for the extension of the State Library and the establishment of traveling libraries.

Bill proposing the appropriation of \$300,000 for the maintenance of the public schools of the State.

Bill proposing to sell or lease the Medical College of Virginia.

Bill to establish an additional State female normal school.

Bill to establish a uniform system of accounting in the State offices.

### THE BUSBY CASE.

Day Not Yet Set for Hearing Argument for New Trial.

The lawyers in the now famous case of Busby vs. Dawson, Marks and Bloomberg were on hand in the Law and Equity Court room yesterday morning, and so were a number of spectators to watch the motion for a new trial argued, which motion was entered when the verdict for \$30,000 was rendered in favor of Busby.

The counsel for the defense was not ready to go on with the argument, preferring to wait until the stenographic report of the evidence in the case can be typewritten. It being a little uncertain when this voluminous document can be ready, the court decided to await further developments before setting a day for the hearing of argument.

#### Inspection of Regiment.

Colonel George Wayne Anderson began the preparatory inspection of the companies of the Seventeenth regiment at the armory last night, and the attendance was good.

An order has been promulgated appointing Ordnance Sergeant Lyle M. Gillis regimental sergeant-major, vice J. L. C. Bosher, promoted to lieutenant and battalion adjutant.

The appointments are effective as of March 1st, 1934.

#### License Electrical Men.

The Committee on Electricity of the Council last night recommended favorably an ordinance to require the examination of electrical contractors and workers, and to fix a license tax of \$50 on the former and \$10 on the latter.

The ordinance is asked for by the electrical workers and by citizens who desire better fire protection.

#### Lady Maccabees.

Richmond Hive, No. 3, Lady Maccabees, will hold their regular review at Murphy's Hall this evening at 8 o'clock.

Miss Rita M. England, State commander, is expected to be present, and an interesting and profitable evening is promised all who attend. All members are invited and urged to make a special effort to be present.

#### North Carolinians to Meet.

The North Carolina Society of Richmond will hold a called meeting at the F. P. A. rooms, on Main Street, corner of Third, to-morrow, Wednesday, evening at 8 o'clock. This is a very important meeting, and President Hodges hopes to see every member of the society present.

#### Samuel Dodson Dead.

Samuel Dodson, an esteemed colored man, who formerly was servant in the Boswell family, at Bullhead, Hanover county, for many years died Saturday. He was one of the few remaining of the old type, and was highly respected by the late Major Boswell and his family.

#### Yacht Ada Here.

The schooner-rigged yacht "Ada" has taken the place of the "Cecilia" in the waters of the latter has been purchased by Captain Emory of the Eastern Shore. Captain William White is owner of the "Ada."

#### Small Fire.

The Fire Department did good work Sunday night a little after 11 o'clock by preventing the spread of flames at No. 1215 N. 1st Street. The fire was confined to an out-house. The origin of the fire is unknown. The damage will not prove great.

#### Compile Election Laws.

Assistant Secretary of the Commonwealth J. G. Hanks is busy compiling for distribution the registration and election laws of the State.

As soon as they are complete, they will be sent out.

#### Fulton Yeast Company.

The Corporation Commission yesterday chartered the Fulton Yeast Company (Incorporated), Richmond, N. V. Rogers, president; capital stock, \$14,000 to \$25,000.

#### Clearing Company Fined.

In the Housing Court yesterday the Richmond Clearing Company, a mercantile corporation, was fined \$40 for doing business without license. The complaint was made by G. H. Shuman.

#### Little Boy Ill.

William J. Jr., the little son of Councilman Clark A. H. McDowell, is very much worried over his condition.

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Baptists Hold Annual Meeting, Elect Officers and Hear Reports.

### METHODIST AND CHRISTIAN

Sunday School Associations of Three Denominations Also Have Meetings.

The annual meeting of the Baptist Sunday School Association of Richmond and Manchester was held last Sunday afternoon at the Randolph Street Baptist Church. President W. D. Duke presided. The exercises, consisting in part of solos, duets and short addresses by Mr. J. B. Wood, of Venable Street; General A. L. Phillips, of Grove Avenue; Professor W. A. Harris, of Grace Street; and Mr. R. M. Smith, of West View, were interesting and very enjoyable. The attendance was good, considering the counter attractions in some of the other Baptist churches at the same hour. President Duke submitted his annual report as follows:

#### OFFICERS AND REPORTS.

Dr. George B. Steel, of Second Church, was called to the chair, and the election of officers was proceeded with. The following were elected to serve one year by a unanimous ballot:

President, W. D. Duke, of Calvary; first vice-president, Dr. W. P. Matthews, of Second Church; second vice-president, A. W. Patterson, of First Church; secretary, Alf. H. McDowell, of Grace Street; treasurer, E. C. Garrison, of Leigh Street; auditor, T. J. Todd, of Grace Street.

The following schools reported for February:

Teachers.	Scholars.	Collection.
Pine Street	39	\$6.53
Venable Street	35	16.72
Grace Street	40	45.86
Second Church	45	65.83
Leigh Street	42	20.33
Broadway Memorial	243	22.79
First Church	46	19.61
East End	35	26.09
Grove Avenue	20	31.71
Kanahpeth Street	28	14.01
Calvary	39	17.19
West View	23	17.03
Stickton Street	15	16.28
Clopton Street	11	17.28
Calvary	11	8.42
Immanuel	25	10.10
Oak Grove	11	4.83
College View	12	5.25
Seventeenth Street	5	1.26

Your Executive Committee begs to submit herewith its report for the year ending December 31, 1933:

The accompanying statistical report of our secretary shows the following total figures:

Roll strength of officers and teachers 753

Average attendance 753 75.3 per cent.

Roll strength of scholars 1,167

Average attendance 579 72.5 per cent.

Roll of church members 19,251

Church members in schools 3,179 20.9 per cent.

New scholars 1,425

Conversions 273

Baptisms 1,504 14

Our treasurer's report shows that during the year there was contributed to the association \$481.15

Through basket collections 11.50

To which add balance on hand at beginning of year 187.61

Interest on bank deposit 9.56

\$706.15

Credit by amount paid Immanuel 100.00

Church 114.73

Amount paid on account of 28.29

Printing, etc. 25.40

Leaving balance on hand Jan. 1, 1934 \$169.75

Our treasurer has also received from the schools in our association \$417.06 for the year, leaving a balance of \$182.81, of which was remitted; the remainder, together with \$90.47 on hand at the beginning of the year, was on hand to the credit of this fund on January 1, 1934.

While the roll strength and average attendance of officers, teachers and scholars do not show as good results as we had hoped, and present a loss as compared with the preceding year, we are reminded that the number of members in our association during 1933 was unusually large. We believe that most of the schools in the association are in healthy condition, and are in position to push forward and make the year 1934 the best year of our existence. It is gratifying to note the increase in number of conversions.

The Catechetical Committee completed its work during the year, having decided to adopt the work of Rev. M. D. Jeffries. This book, published by the Southern Baptist Convention, is admirably adapted to the needs of the schools. It is general use, not only in the schools of this association, but in the Baptist schools throughout the South. It is a Primary Catechism on the Bible.

The percentages of attendance and of church members in the school are much smaller than they should be. This may be due to the fact that many of our schools do not have accurate rolls of the scholars, and fail to report regularly the roll of church members. It is important, in order to secure reliable data, that the figures given in the monthly and quarterly reports should be carefully scrutinized, and that the superintendents will see that the reports are more accurate in future.

#### Christian Association.


The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Christian Sunday School Association of Richmond and Manchester was held last Sunday afternoon at the Marshall Street Baptist Church. President O. H. Goode presiding, W. H. Bowles secretary. The meeting was opened by the reading of Scripture by Rev. Henry Pearce Atkins and a prayer by Rev. J. J. Haley, after which the reports from the schools were read, as follows:

#### Officers and Teachers.

Scholars on Roll.	Per Cent. of Attendance.	Collection.
Third	261	\$5 325.02
Fairmount	14	82 18.03
Seventh St.	33	231 83.90
Cowardin Avenue	14	187 80.45
Marshall St.	5	263 84.60
West End	2	152 61 58.24
	328	1,187 \$191.25

It will be seen from the above report that the average per cent. of attendance at these schools was 83 per cent., and the average per cent. of church members on the school rolls was 30 per cent. The banner for the best attendance was awarded to the Third Christian Church. The association also awards a banner to the school having the largest per cent. of attendance at these bi-monthly meetings. In that contest the schools stand as follows: Marshall, 78 per cent.; West End, 62 per cent.; Seventh Street, 28 per cent.; Cowardin Avenue, 33 per cent.; Fairmount, 30 per cent.; and Third Church, 9 per cent. The banner on above attendance was awarded to Marshall Street, being the second time they have won that banner in succession. The most interesting feature of the meeting was three recitations by Miss Maggie Bryan, of the Broad Street Methodist school, who kindly consented to recite on this occasion.

The next meeting will be held on the



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### Methodist Sunday Schools.

The regular monthly meeting of the Methodist Sunday School Society of Richmond was held Sunday afternoon at Clay Street Church. Mr. H. C. Osterbind, president; Dr. F. W. Surr, secretary.

The meeting was the best in every respect held for years. The church was full, the music, especially the instrumental, was fine, and the exercises by the children, both of the local school and the Orphanage, were exceptionally good. The recitations of the little tots from the Bible, indicated not only that they have bright minds, but that they are well taught.

The address of Dr. Young was, while brief, of course, excellent, and the reports were more in number than usual, and better.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Charles H. Galloway, of Barton Heights, and closed with the benediction by Rev. L. B. Betty, of Park Place. The schools reported as follows:

Attend.	Collection.
Union Station	75 49 84 \$28.34
Clay Street	192 302 60 29.85
Fairmount Ave.	451 238 65 24.53
Clay Street	290 253 41 39.70
Laurel Street	339 239 70 247.25
Broad Street	327 396 62 24.85
Trinity	304 181 53 30.02
Centenary	292 105 57 86.65
St. James	200 125 50 10.66
Harker Memorial	178 98 55 5.58
Epworth	155 91 59 10.54
Mission	148 91 62 2.70
Highland Park	134 83 62 6.12
Corinth	89 33 41 1.86


New scholars, 68. Conversions, 5.

Next meeting of the society at Epworth, second Sunday in April.

### SCHOOL TO TEACH CHILDREN CRIME

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